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ARREST OF CHINESE PILOT DISASTER SEQUEL

SINKING OF STEAMER IN 1927 RECALLED

WARRANT EXECUTED

A paragraph in this morning's Police reports recalls the sinking of the British s.s. "Leung Kwong," (Capt. James Wilson, deceased), in Capsicum Bay on the early morning of May 9, 1927, when the lives of at least 80 passengers of the ill-fated ship were lost. They were trapped in the ship on account of the grilles erected on the ship as a safeguard against pirates being locked at the time of the disaster. The paragraph recalling the disaster was as follows:—

"A warrant for manslaughter against Loo Fu-kwan, alias Lo Tai, was executed on board the s.s. 'Anjou' yesterday. The warrant was issued by Mr. R. E. Lindell as the result of the sinking of the s.s. 'Leung Kwong' in 1927."

The arrested man was the pilot of the s.s. "Leung Kwong" at the time of the disaster and he absconded in the course of the Coroner's inquiry into the death of Mr. F. E. A. Martin, Chief Officer of the "Leung Kwong," who was drowned in the disaster.

The inquest was opened on June 9, 1927, Mr. R. E. Lindell sitting as Coroner, with the following jury:—Messrs. F. C. Hall (foreman), W. Logan and J. E. Joseph. It concluded on July 11, 1927, when as the result of the finding of the jury, Mr. Lindell issued the warrant for the absconding pilot's arrest.

The Marine Court inquiry, a Marine Court of inquiry, whose scope was limited only to the circumstances of the collision was opened on May 18, the Court being composed as follows:—

Comdr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N. (president), Capt. C. A. Merriman, R.N., Capt. T. B. Nelson, ("Protestant"), Capt. G. A. G. More, ("Antung"), and Capt. R. N. Stephens, ("Kwongtung").

This inquiry continued until June 7 when it was suspended on account of the Coroner's inquest. Subsequently the ticket of Captain James Wilson, master of the "Leung Kwong," a man of over 70 years of age, was suspended because he was not on the bridge at the time of the disaster and had left the handling of his vessel to the Chinese pilot, against whom a verdict of manslaughter was returned by the Coroner's jury.

The "Leung Kwong" it will be remembered, sank as the result of coming into collision with the Chinese owned steam launch "Moonshine," off Ma Wan Light, Capsicum, at 6.30 a.m. on May 9. She was across the "Moonshine's" bow and was heavily struck on her starboard bow by the steam launch "Leung Kwong" was badly holed and sank within ten minutes.

300 Souls on Board
At the time of the disaster the "Leung Kwong" had about 300 souls on board. The majority of these, however, managed to take to the water before the ship sank and they were rescued by the s.s. "Op Lee" and the s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheung" which arrived on the scene of the collision almost immediately after.

The majority of the 80 who were drowned were in the lower part of the ship, and being imprisoned by the grilles went down with the ship. The "Moonshine," an ex-trawler, was, at the time of the collision, used as a ferry launch plying between Lin Tin Island and Hong Kong. She suffered injury to her bow above the water line, but was not distressed, and managed to return to port.

Captain James Wilson, of the ill-fated "Leung Kwong," died in Hong Kong a little over two months after the close of the Coroner's inquest.

Court Proceedings To-morrow
It is learned that the arrested pilot, Loo Fu-kwan, alias Lo Tai, will be taken before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy to-morrow morning to face the manslaughter charge.

In connection with the arrest of the man on board the s.s. "Anjou," it is worthy of note that that vessel also figured in a collision in 1927, less than a month before the "Leung Kwong" disaster. The "Anjou," then under the

INDIAN FINANCE

STORMY SCENE DURING DEBATE IN ASSEMBLY

MANY ARRESTS

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The tedious debate on the Finance Bill ended yesterday evening, the President applying the closure and adjourning the sitting in consequence of the Opposition shouting down the Finance member, Mr. George Schuster.

The President observed: "We have not had such an experience in the last four years," to which the Nationalist member, Neogy, retorted: "But we had a lesson from the other side only to-day."

The Assembly reassembled this morning, and amid subdued excitement Motilal Nehru asked for information of the arrests and searches. Crerar, the Home member, replied at length, stating that there had been 31 arrests of persons conspiring to promote the objects of the Communist International, including the support of organisations and newspapers opposing the present regime. He hoped the Assembly would approve the Government's policy of trying the conspirators by ordinary law. Meanwhile the matter was sub judice.

Motilal Nehru moved the adjournment in order to discuss the Government's policy. This Crerar and others opposed, but after several Opposition speeches, President Patel allowed the motion on condition that no attempt was made to enter into the merits of the cases. Later, the president announced to the Assembly that the Governor General had disallowed Motilal Nehru's adjournment motion to discuss the policy behind the arrests of Communists on the ground that the discussion would be detrimental to public safety.

Meerut, Yesterday.
Thirty-one persons have been arrested throughout India in connection with the alleged "conspiracy against the King." They are mainly Communists and Labour leaders. It is understood they are charged with forming parties and unions in India to destroy the existing sovereignty and replace it by a Soviet type of Republic similar to that in Russia.

Replies to Labour Criticism
In the House of Commons the Labour member, Mr. E. Thurtle, requested a statement about the arrests in India.

Earl Winterton (Under-Secretary for India) amid Ministerial cheers, replied that 31 alleged Communists had been arrested in various parts, under the Indian Penal Code.

Mr. Thurtle asked whether the action had been instigated by the Home Government and Earl Winterton refused to answer this "wholly improper" question.

Mr. Thurtle asked: "Was the Home Government privy to the intended arrests?" and Earl Winterton replied: "Yes, the action was taken with the full assent of Lord Peel." Earl Winterton denied that they had been arrested because they were Communists, and said that it was because they were charged with conspiracy to deprive the King of sovereignty in India.—Reuter.

LEGAL POST

BRITISH SUCCESSOR TO LORD FINLEY

SIR C. HURST NOMINATED

London, Yesterday.

The British Government has decided to nominate Sir Cecil Hurst as the British representative on the Permanent Court of International Justice (at The Hague) in succession to the late Lord Finley.—Reuter.

command of Captain J. Webster, came into collision with the Chinese owned s.s. "Wing On" on April 20, 1927, off Wongmum Customs Station. Luckily neither ship suffered very seriously.

An inquiry into the collision was held at the Marine Court on May 5, 1927, and concluded on May 6, when the Court censured both Captain C. Mutton, of the "Wing On," and Capt. J. Webster, of the "Anjou."

The Court was composed of Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), Harbour Master, Lieut. Comdr. Pitcairn Jones, D.S.C., R.N., and Captains W. C. Shearer, T. M. Meyrick, and D. Ritchie.

'CHRISTIAN GENERAL' IN THE WAR?

HIS MEN ASSEMBLE

FOE RATHER THAN FRIEND OF NANKING GOVT.

LI CHAI-SUM'S SAFETY

The "Christian General" is the altogether surprising news that Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General" has done certain things which point to his being an enemy of the National Government at Nanking and not an ally. Thanks to his strong, well trained and disciplined army, he holds the balance of power. An unfavourable attitude, not to say actual hostilities, on his part, ought to have the effect of restraining Nanking from sending an expedition to attack Hankow.

On the other hand, Nanking troops are stated to have crossed the Hupeh frontier already.

Appeal of No Avail

Marshal Li Chai-sum is still mentioned as being "in custody" but Chiang Kai-shek is quoted as having given an assurance that he will not be in danger. An appeal by the Rightist politicians on his behalf was unavailing.

That the politicians still have considerable influence on the trend of movements is shown by the fact that the "Christian General" conveys the impression that he does not like Nanking's dismissal of the Extremists. Will the Extremists and the "Christian General" form a third faction and push itself ahead while one "Moderate" faction (the Kwangsi-ites) is at loggerheads with Nanking (where the moderates are in majority)?

First Act of War
Overnight Reuter cables to hand are set forth herewith:—

Nanking troops have entered Hupeh province from Anhui province, reaching Lotien. The nearest Hankow troops to this point are at Nanchang.

Lotien is in the east of Hupeh. Maeheng is north-east of Hankow. Favour the Leftists
Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") is reported to be massing his troops at Kweichow, in the east of Honan province.

Chinese papers conducted for Feng Yu-hsiang give prominence to a lengthy manifesto by the Leftist leaders (Wang Ching-wei, Chen Kung-po, Koo Meng-yu and others) denouncing the "anti-democratic methods" by which the third annual Congress of the National Party was elected. (Note: The Congress dismissed the Leftists from the Party.)

The fact of this publication, taken together with Feng Yu-hsiang's recent resignation (he was Minister for War at Nanking), and also his broadcasting of a welcome to Mr. Wang Ching-wei (the Leftist) to return to China, is regarded as an indication of his feelings toward Nanking.

[While it is known that the "Christian General" does not like the Kwangsi faction in power at Hankow, does the foregoing signify that he is holding the balance of power in the North—is to throw in his weight against the National Government of Nanking because of his own motives? Kweichow, where his troops are concentrating, is not on the road into Hupeh and territory held by the Kwangsi faction. It is most emphatically on the road from the "Christian General's" province of Honan into Kwangsi province, which is held by pro-Nanking units.]

Li Chai-sum

Japanese reports from Nanking on the evening of March 20 state that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (head of the National Government) has "discovered the connection of Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton with recent events in Hunan," also that Chiang Kai-shek ordered Li Chai-sum to be in custody in spite of appeals by "Conservative" politicians favourable to Li Chai-sum, such as Wu Tsze-hui, Li Shih-tseng and others. Chiang Kai-shek, however, is quoted in the Japanese reports as having declared that there need be no fear concerning Marshal Li Chai-sum's safety.

[Those "recent events in Hunan" constitute the casus belli in the present impasse, the National Government taking umbrage at the Kwangsi faction in Hankow turning out the Governor of Hunan appointed by Nanking.]

Position at Hankow
While telegraph communication between Hankow and Nanking is reported to be interrupted, the strictest censorship concerning war rumours is being exercised on the Chinese newspapers of Shanghai.

Foreign reports from Hankow, received at Peking, state that the press and gang are still very active (Continued on Next Column.)

IN MEMORIAM

Ferdinand Foch, Marechal de France, Generalissime des armées alliées.

Un service solennel sera célébré en la Cathédrale Catholique, 16 Caine Road, Hong Kong, le Samedi 23 Mars 1929 à 10 heures du matin par S. E. le Cardinal, Monseigneur Valéry, Evêque de Hong Kong, et M. le Maire Apollinaire.

Le Consul de France sera reconnaissant aux amis et admirateurs du Marechal de vouloir bien assister à cette cérémonie.

TROOPS IN CHINA

FRENCH CHAMBER REJECTS LABOUR MOTION

Paris, Yesterday.

The Chamber has rejected by 442 votes to 233 the Labour motion for the suppression of the French expeditionary force in China. M. Poincaré, in fighting the motion, asked for a vote of confidence.—Havas.

"MAIL" FEATURES

All the usual Saturday features will be found in to-morrow's "China Mail" with the news, articles, comment, etc.

In the pioneer art supplement of the Colony will be a photo of the Governor of Canton, taken in hospital here, groups of three weddings in Hong Kong, also of a band of Service entertainers, and a set of very rare views of an adjoining island where missionaries have established two "colonies" among lepers and pirates!

To-morrow is "Centenary Boat Race Day." Photos of the two "Variety crews in action, received by the last mail, will be found in the "Homestead Picture Service" on page 9.

Another topical Stan Hill cartoon will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail." Be sure to get your copy.

strued as a sign that the Kwangsi leaders of Hankow are busy preparing for mobilisation. The Hanyang Arsenal, one of the biggest in China, is working overtime. The Kwangsi leaders at Hankow are stated in the same "foreign reports reaching Peking" to be drawing in their troops from Hunan province (which is to the southward) and concentrating them around the three cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang, situated together at the junction of the Yangtze and Han Rivers in the middle of Hupeh province.

Meanwhile it is reported from Hankow that, owing to the level of the Yangtze River falling, the steamers "Luency" and "Chang-hsin" are aground off Hunter Island, blocking the channel so that only vessels with very shallow draft can get by.

[H.M.S. "Gnat," a British gunboat on the Yangtze, was stated on Wednesday to be proceeding to the assistance of these two ships.]

Revolutionary Methods

An earlier cable from Shanghai read as follows:—

It is believed that war is inevitable. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek this evening issued an unofficial declaration reviewing the Hunan situation and severely condemning Generals Hu Tsung-tu and Yeh Chi and other Hankow leaders.

Chiang Kai-shek points out that the National Government is a "revolutionary" Government and would not hesitate to solve this issue by "revolutionary methods."

This declaration is considered to be an unofficial indication that Nanking will not hesitate to use arms if necessary.

It is rumoured that a Nanking punitive mandate may be issued late to-night.

Marshal Li Chai-sum is reported to be in detention in the health resort, Tangshan.

General Pei Chung-hsi arrived at Hankow on March 15, travelling from Peking by railway under disguise.—Reuter.

WORLD TRIBUTES TO MARSHAL FOCH

PROFOUND SORROW

PRINCE GEORGE TO REPRESENT THE KING

FURTHER BRITISH MESSAGES

London, Yesterday.

It is announced that Prince George will represent the King at the funeral of Marshal Foch.

There will also walk in funeral procession a British Field Officer with an officer in attendance and 50 men representing the British Army, with regimental band which will be provided by the Brigade of Guards.

The Royal Navy will be represented by Admiral of Fleet, Lord Wemyss, who was present with Marshal Foch at the signing of the Armistice.

Vice-Admiral Haggard will represent the Board of Admiralty. Representatives of the Royal Air Force will be Air-Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard and Air Vice-Marshal Lambie with a detachment of two officers and twenty airmen.

Mr. Baldwin's Message To M. Poincaré

The British Premier has sent the following message to the French Premier: "I have learnt with profound sorrow of the death of Marshal Foch. I am deeply conscious of the irreparable loss which France has suffered. This great soldier and patriot epitomises in British eyes the military genius of France and I am certain that the British people will sincerely mourn one whose services to the allied cause are fresh in every memory, and whose distinguished and inspiring personality has won the affection and profound esteem, both of every British soldier that served under him and of the British nation as a whole."

The British Government have also addressed a message of sympathy to the French Government in which they say: "The unforgettable services rendered by the late Marshal to the allied cause and his prominence as a soldier have assured him of a noble place in history. His impressive personality and knightly character have endeared him to the people of this country and his loss will be mourned in every British home."

From War Secretary
Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, in the telegram to M. Poincaré, French Minister of War, says: "The British army share to the full the sorrow of their comrades in arms at the passing of Marshal Foch. They mourn one who was not only a great soldier and their former general but also, as they are proud to reflect, a British Field Marshal whose name and achievement as an architect of victory are inextricably woven into the fabric of our military history."

Death Bed Scene

Paris, Yesterday.
The deathbed scene was movingly described by Marshal Foch's medical attendant. He related that the Marshal was reclining on a chair at the window, and occasionally raised a feeble hand and moved the curtains in order to see better.

The doctor asked if he would like to go to bed. Marshal Foch replied, "All right, but give me a little longer." Shortly afterwards he raised himself in his chair, saying, "Now I am ready." These were his last words, and he fell back in the chair and died in the doctor's arms.

French Cabinet and the Funeral
The Cabinet has decided to give Marshal Foch a National Funeral. This is a great tribute to the late military chief as this will be only the sixth time that a National Funeral has been accorded since the foundation of the Third Republic.

The remains of Marshal Foch will be taken this afternoon to a room on the ground floor of his residence, to which the public will be admitted.

"Le Journal" says that Marshal Foch will lie in state at the Arc de Triomphe alongside the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The funeral service will be at Notre Dame, after which his remains will be buried at the Invalides, alongside Napoleon's tomb.

British Army Representatives
Field-Marshal Lord Plumer and Sir George Milne will represent the British Army at the funeral, which Lord Methuen, Lord Allenby and Sir C. W. Jacob have expressed

BYE-ELECTIONS

LIBERAL GAIN AT EDPISBURY

TORILS HOLD BATH

London, Yesterday.

The result of the Eddisbury (Cheshire) bye-election, caused by the death of the Conservative member, Mr. Harry Barnston, was as follows:—

R. J. Russell (Liberal) ... 10,223
Colonel Fenwick Palmer ... 8,831

Another Result

The bye-election at Bath, owing to the death of the Conservative Member, Capt. C. T. Foxcroft, has resulted as follows:—

Baillie Hamilton (Conservative) 11,171.

Daniels (Liberal) 7,255.

Desmond (Labour) 6,359.—Reuter.

[At last General Election Capt. Foxcroft polled 16,067.]

BIG FORTUNE

MILLIONAIRE'S 60 SEPARATE INSURANCE POLICIES

New York, Yesterday.

According to the papers filed at Philadelphia, the late Rodman Wanamaker, head of John Wanamaker & Company, left \$11,500,000, including over \$1,250,000 in insurances from sixty separate policies.—Reuter.

\$15,000 FOR GARDENS

BOURNEMOUTH INQUIRY INTO NEW SCHEME

Bournemouth.—The Ministry of Health Inspector, Mr. F. G. Hill, conducted an inquiry here into the Corporation's application for sanction to borrow \$15,000 for laying out gardens on two sides of the new Pavilion, which is to be opened on March 20 or 21 by the Duke of Gloucester, and also \$5,150 for the widening of Westover-road, the main approach to the Pavilion Gardens.

Mr. Inman voiced the ratepayers' alarm at the growing expenditure. He called attention to the town's motto, "Beauty and Health," and said: "Let us have a beautiful Bournemouth, but with healthy finance." The reply was that the gardens scheme had been settled some years ago but postponed.

The scheme includes illuminated fountains, cascades, rocks, and pools.

ed a desire to attend as brother Field Marshals. The Brigade of Guards will provide a field officer and also an officer and fifty men and a band.

As representatives of the Admiralty there will be Admiral of the Fleet Lord Wester Wemyss and Vice-Admiral V. H. S. Haggard, while the Royal Air Force will be represented by Air Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard.

Profound Sorrow in England

The news of the death of Marshal Foch has been received with sorrow as sincere in Great Britain as in France, and the newspapers publish eloquent tributes to the genius of the greatest military figure in the late war.

From the time of his appointment in 1918 as commander-in-chief of the Allied Armies Marshal Foch was regarded by the British people as the embodiment of victory, and a symbol of Allied soldiers fighting on one front for one cause, and on a common plan. His reputation has been enhanced as a fuller knowledge of his trials and triumphs during the state of war became better known.

Marshal Foch was personally well known in England, which he frequently visited. His many intimate friends included H.M. the King to whom news of his death was immediately communicated. The Prince of Wales was also at once informed, and he sent a telegram of condolence to Madame Foch.

A National Hero

Meanwhile, on hearing the news, Sir William Tyrrell, British Ambassador in Paris, sent a personal message saying, "In anticipation of instructions of my Government I venture to offer you the most heartfelt and sincere sympathy. It is possible to feel in the irreparable loss which has fallen upon you. In my country, which has not the privilege of numbering him among her sons, he will be mourned as a national hero."

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"MOST EFFICIENTLY MANAGED"

H.K. ELECTRIC CO.

PRaise FROM SHAREHOLDER AT ANNUAL MEETING

REDUCTION OF POWER RATE

Praise for the most efficient management of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., was bestowed by a shareholder, Mr. Paul Launder, at the 40th annual meeting, held today in the company's office at P. & O. building. A reference to the reduction of the rate for power was made by the Chairman.

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (chairman) presided. He was supported by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. B. D. F. Beith and Mr. J. P. Warren (directors) and Mr. F. R. Marsh (Manager). Shareholders present were Messrs. A. N. Lucey, Tong Kim-kwong, Ho Tung-shum, Paul Launder (representing the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.), Tong Hin-pang, Lo Yuk-tong, Fung Kong-ung, Leung Yan-po, Ip Fook, A. Stevenson, O. Kitchell, L. J. Davies, Leung Fat-tin, J. M. Alves, M. M. Mass, F. L. Brown, O. Ribeiro, Wong Ping-ung, Lo Chung-kue, L. E. Ozorio, O. Baptista, Chua Seng-choo, Sui Suk-hum, F. M. Ellis, Wong Hing-kwong, P. C. Potts.

Last Year's Profit

The Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said:—

Gentlemen.—We will with your permission take the report and statement of accounts for 1928 as read.

The net profit after providing \$480,564 for depreciation is \$1,703,853.50 and with the sum of \$57,425.86 brought forward from last account we have \$1,761,279.36 for appropriation and with this we propose:—

to pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share on 300,000 old shares absorbing \$750,000;

to pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 150,000 new shares absorbing \$187,500;

to place to reserve \$726,647.57; to carry forward to next account \$97,131.89.

The dividend on old shares is the same as that for the four preceding years, and the amount placed to reserve brings this up to \$2,800,000.

The New Shares

Your authority to increase the capital of the company to \$5,000,000 was obtained at an extraordinary general meeting held on March 16, and confirmed on April 2. At the same time your directors were authorised to capitalise \$1,500,000 of the profits standing to the credit of reserve and to issue bonus shares to shareholders on the register at July 1 in the proportion of one share to each two existing shares. These new shares have been duly issued and the dividend of \$1.25 now proposed is in respect of the six months ended Dec. 31, 1928, from which date the new shares rank equally in every respect with the old shares.

Increased Output

The output for 1928 was just under 81 million units, an increase of 3.1/3 million units over the previous year, and you will notice that the profit on working is \$225,000 more than last year. The number of consumers has increased by 1,800 during the period under review.

In the Profit and Loss Account this year we have divided the old item of Rents and Taxes and the Interest on Deposits has been separated from the General Interest. Bad Debts, I am glad to say, show a considerable reduction on last year.

Wanchai Property

You will remember that in April 1923 we agreed to sell the old Wanchai property and machinery. By the terms of the agreement for sale we arranged to accept a mortgage on the property for part of the purchase price. The matter was not completed forthwith, as the purchaser was in negotiation with other parties. Unfortunately, whilst the negotiations were still in progress the strike of 1925 broke out and the purchase made default in payment of interest and Crown Rent and failed to perform his contract. Protracted negotiations were carried out with him, but these resulted in a deadlock and the property remained derelict. Last year the Government re-entered on the land under the terms of the Crown leases, and subsequently new leases were on terms granted to the company.

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KAGA MARU Wednesday, 22nd May.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

TOTTORI MARU Thursday, 28th March.

YAMAGATA MARU Sunday, 31st March.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,

Mexico & Panama.

RAKUYO MARU Friday, 19th April.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

KANAGAWA MARU Friday, 5th April.

NEW YORK via PANAMA.

MAYKASU MARU Thursday, 28th March.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.

LIMA MARU Friday, 19th April.

ALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

NACATO MARU Friday, 29th March.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MATSUMOTO MARU Saturday, 23rd March.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

CONTROL OF COSTS

IMPORTANT RULING IN ADMIRALTY COURT

Of considerable interest to practitioners in the Admiralty Court is a ruling recently given there on a question of costs, in view of something recently said in the House of Lords from which it might have been supposed that the decision would go differently.

Where a ship is held to blame, said Lord Phillimore, in the House of Lords, and her owners appeal and get a finding of both to blame, the rule he would advise the House of Lords to uphold was no costs at any stage of the proceedings.

It was contended that the Admiralty Court should follow this principle, in a case where a vessel, found more to blame than the other, had appealed and got a finding of both to blame. The Admiralty Court, however, was not impressed, and gave the appellant, who had had a substantial measure of success in appealing to the Admiralty Court, his costs.

The case, which will be a standard case in the future, is that of the "Ocean Swell" and the "Young Sid," where, in the County Court at Yarmouth, the former had been held two-thirds to blame. The matter of costs was strenuously argued before the Admiralty Divisional Court, consisting of Lord Merrivale and Mr. Justice Hill, who heard the appeal, and many cases were cited beside that of the "Canton" and the "Rhesus" (lately reported in "The Journal of Commerce"), in which Lord Phillimore made use of observations, the gist of which is set out above.

Before the Admiralty Divisional Court, the title to costs was debated by Mr. George Langton, K.C., and Mr.

J. V. Naisby, for the appellant, instructed by Messrs. Chamberlin Talbot and Bracey, of Yarmouth. London agents, Messrs. Battersell and Roche, and for the respondent, Mr. H. L. Holman, instructed by Messrs. Wiltshire, Son and Jordan, Lowestoft. London agents, Messrs. Holman Fenwick and Willan.

The Judgment

At the end of the argument, Lord Merrivale, delivering the judgment, in which Mr. Justice Hill concurred, said, "In this matter a question of some importance arises as to costs. It is an appeal from the County Court in a collision case and action where, in the County Court, both vessels had been found to blame, but the appellant vessel, the 'Ocean Swell,' two-thirds and the respondents one-third to blame, and the appeal is against that apportionment. We found upon the hearing of the appeal that with regard to the matters as to which the respondent had been held to blame there is, in our opinion, error in the judgment, and that there was not a preponderance of grounds of complaint against the appellant which had been found in the County Court. We inclined to the view that the preponderance of blame was on the part of the respondent rather than the appellant, but on considering the matter we came to the conclusion that as matters stood, and having taken due account of the findings of the learned Judge upon the grounds of allegation of blame, there was evidence that they were equally to blame.

Then arose the question of costs, and I do not know that there would have been any difficulty in dealing with it in the ordinary course had it not been that attention was directed to words by some observations in a recent judgment in the House of Lords in the case of the "Canton," in the observation there of Lord Phillimore, who delivered the leading opinion in the House of Lords, in considering the question of costs where the vessels had been held equally to blame and there was an appeal.

The facts were that in the first instance the vessel "Rhesus" had been held alone to blame. In the County Court the other colliding vessel, the "Canton," had been held solely to blame, and in the House of Lords both were held equally to blame, the damages to be borne equally.

Then came the question of costs, and with regard to the facts there, Lord Phillimore said, "As to costs, it is the ancient rule that where both vessels are to blame each party should bear his costs in the Court of first instance. Where one ship has been held to blame, and on appeal by the other, the old practice was, in spite of partial success, each party should bear their costs of appeal; and this rule was adopted by the Court of Appeal when it first began to function under the Judicature Acts."

Lord Phillimore dealt with the cases where a distinction had been made on the facts, and the costs had been distributed between the parties, and used these words: "I would recommend your Lordships not to interfere with this settled rule of practice, and to hold that there should be no costs either in the Admiralty Division or in the Court of Appeal, and I think that this should also be the rule in your Lordships' House when the appellant seeks for a total reversal and the result in your Lordships' opinion is that both vessels are to blame."

I think when the matter is closely considered, the observations there do not interfere with what is conceded to be the practice generally followed in this Division and accepted in the Court of Appeal, that where one of the parties in an appeal, where there is a finding of both to blame, has succeeded, then on appeal the costs will follow the event.

The matter does not rest upon mere convenience or practice here because I find in two well-known cases, in the case of the "Lebanon," 14 App. Cas. 670, the House of Lords came to a conclusion which warranted the course usually taken here. Before Sir James Hannen the "Lebanon" had been held alone to blame. In the Court of Appeal that judgment had been affirmed, and in the House of Lords both vessels were held equally to blame—held equally to blame as matters then stood—because it was before the Maritime Conventions Act—and the respondents were ordered to pay costs in the House of Lords and the Appeal Court.

Older Case.

There is an older case in Swabey's Admiralty Cases. The Privy Council, which in those days was well known to be the Court of Appeal in Admiralty jurisdiction, in the exercise of its powers, ordered costs upon the same principle. The appellant there had been found in the first instance solely to blame. The finding of the Court of Appeal was that both were to blame, and damages should be divided, but the appellant got the costs of the appeal.

I mention these authorities because it is undesirable that the practice recommended here should be supposed to be in doubt because of an observation which does not arise in the immediate issue in the question here. Cases of equal authority with the "Canton" show clearly that the matter is under the control of the Court, and although it is true, as Mr. Holman pointed out, only a small amount was involved in the success in the appeal, the appellant proved to be right on his appeal, and had substantial grounds of appeal, and it seems to me the appellant ought to have the costs of the appeal.

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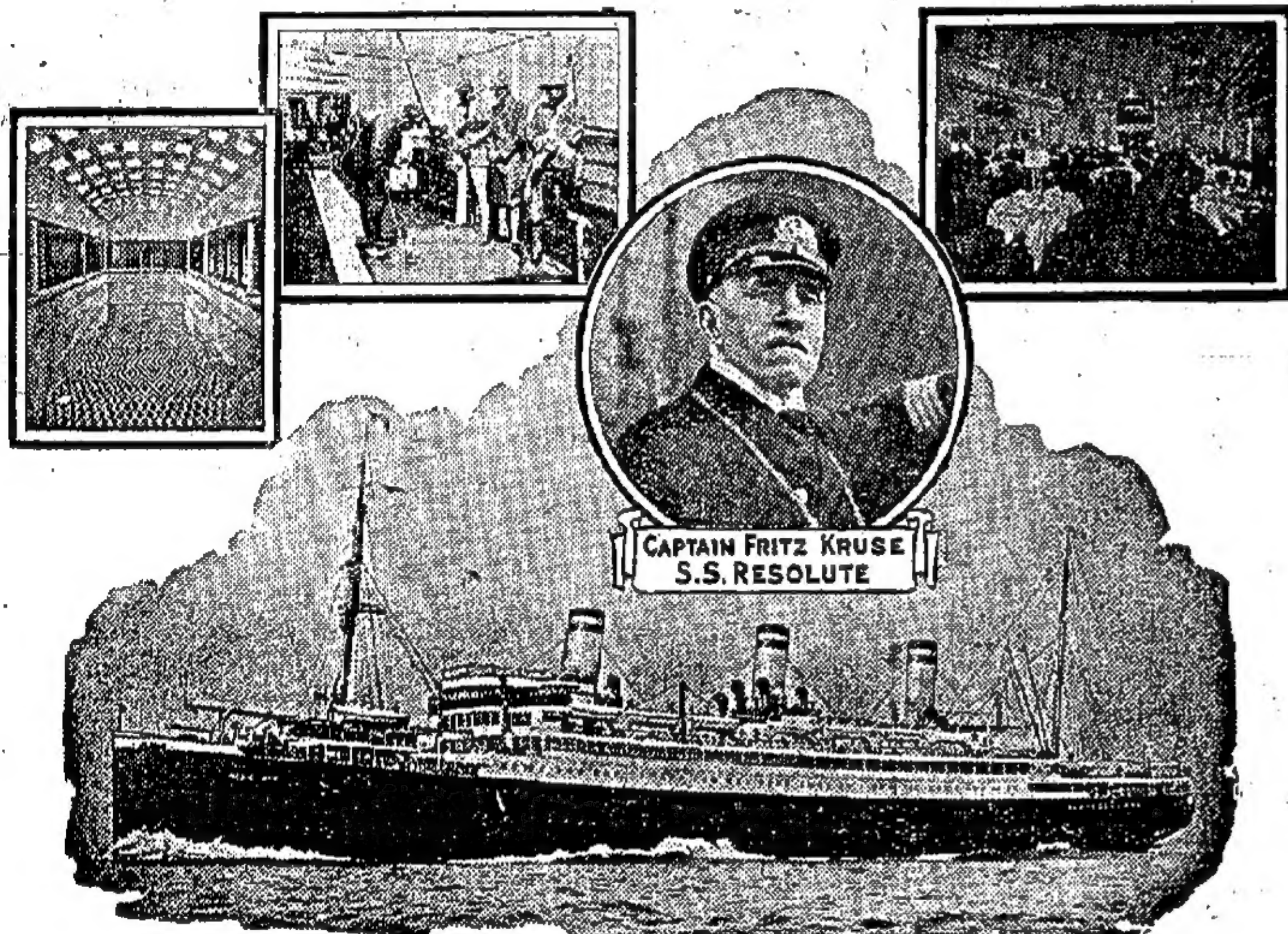
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Sub-Inspector and Mrs. H. E.
Rogers thank all friends for their
sympathy on the loss of a dearly-
loved child, and for the floral
tributes sent.

Hong Kong, Friday, Mar. 22, 1929.

THE "SHAFORCE"

With the departure to-day of the 1st Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) a considerable step has been taken towards bringing the military defences of the Colony towards something very closely approximating normal conditions. So far as the Colony is actually concerned the departure of the "Queen's" removes the last of the "Shaforce" that has been in our midst during the past two years. Their departure is regretted, as both officers and rank and file, individually and collectively, had been long enough with us to have formed attachments that will continue for a long time to come. The "Queen's" came to the Colony after the spell of "Shaforce" duty in Shanghai, and it may be said of them—as indeed it may be said of all the units that composed the "Shaforce"—that they "filled the bill" in every respect, in point of view as defenders, also socially and as sportsmen. It will be a long time, especially, before their wonderful performance of "The Retreat"—which they gave on several occasions publicly in Hong Kong—will be forgotten. A recent report from Shanghai stated that hardly any of the officers who originally came with the "Shaforce" are now in China, and with the departure of the "Queen's" the number is further

reduced, for though the regiment did not arrive in the earliest stages of the commotion of 1927, they were, of course, for a considerable time under General Duncan, as General Officer in Command.

Mr. Baldwin, in the course of a speech, a summary of which has arrived to-day, recalls the fact that not only the Labourites but also the Liberals criticised the despatch of troops to China, and he added with a touch of justifiable pride in the excellent policy of his administration: "But our people came through unscathed and we have made a treaty with China which has placed our relations on the friendliest footing. Nothing but a settlement of China's internal troubles stands between us and a large increase in our trade there."

There is not the slightest exaggeration in this statement, which Mr. Baldwin was fully justified in making on the excellent results of his and Sir Austen Chamberlain's policy with regard to China during the past few very critical years. The sending of troops and ships over so vast a distance was a step of a very serious character and one that involved many delicate points, to say nothing of enormous expense, but the policy, as the Prime Minister points out, has been amply proved to have been the wisest and the best.

Ignorance—Not "Bliss"

A sidelight was thrown at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council Finance Committee on the deplorable lack of coordination that appears to be a growing feature of Government Departments. Asked by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton if it is intended to increase the radius of broadcasting locally, the Director of Public Works had diametrically to confess: "I am afraid I do not know what Mr. King is doing." The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) found himself in a similar predicament, being reduced to the same admission: "I am afraid I cannot tell you off hand what it is intended to do, but I will have enquiries made." It may, for all that, be known to the contrary, be intended to call a mass meeting of Heads of Departments to find out exactly what has been done and what is intended to be done. Failing satisfaction then, the next obvious course appears to be to gather together all the minor officials, office clerks, coolies, and messengers to probe what light they can throw on the matter. It is so easy to be facetious. But—if the Heads of two responsible Departments cannot answer Unofficial members' questions because of their own profound ignorance who, it may pertinently be asked, is running the Colony? Whose responsibility is it to ensure adequate knowledge of Government work being imparted to

those who ought to be kept posted of important details concerning this, that, and the other scheme. Unofficial members are not supposed to make a round of subordinate officials, however efficient, to find an answer to sensible questions of interest to the community. To quote the rather hackneyed slogan of a notorious Home periodical: "On for a Business Government!"

We, first of all, have faith that there is a God, then we have hope that God is good and that He will meet our every need, but it is when we come to the third stage, that of spiritual understanding, that we are really able to demonstrate consciously the qualities of Life, Truth, and Love.—Winsome M. Gaudell.

A Requiem Mass in honour of Marshal Foch will be said in the Roman Catholic Cathedral tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., Bishop Valtorta officiating.

At about 8 o'clock last night, a 19-year-old Chinese girl was robbed by three ruffians in Portland-street, Yau-mat. The rascals relieved their victim of a pair of gold bangles worth \$50 and then decamped.

Booking is now open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre for the forthcoming season of the Banvard Musical Comedy Co. The opening piece, which will be given on March 30 and 31 is the big London and New York successes, "Lido Lady."

Government passengers leaving for Home to-morrow on the s.s. "Khiva" include the following: Mr. E. H. Williams, Mrs. Lockhart and children; Mr. J. Carey and daughter, and Mr. J. McLeod (Police); Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks (Prison); Mrs. I. M. Spary and infant, Mrs. C. Sara, Mr. R. M. Henderson, and Mrs. Anderson and children (P.W.D.).

The 13-year-old Chinese boy who was on Wednesday convicted by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith on a charge of unlawful possession of 76 taels of illicit raw opium at the Kowloon Railway station, was again before the Court yesterday. His Worship had suspended sentence for the appearance of the lad's relatives. His sister told the Court that owing to shortage of space in her house, he generally slept in an untenanted house next door. On Tuesday a man took her brother to Canton, and that was all she knew of the matter. The lad was ordered to receive 12 strokes of the rattan.

ROYAL WEDDING

MAGNIFICENT CEREMONY IN
NORWEGIAN CAPITAL

OSLO HOLDS 'HIGH HOLIDAY'

Oslo, Yesterday.
Crown Prince Olaf of Norway and Princess Martha of Sweden were married at noon in the Church of St. Saviour's, with the Duke of York as "best man," while Oslo kept high holiday and all the church bells in Norway pealed rejoicings.
Sixteen hundred people were present in the church, including the Ministers; Deputies, diplomats, naval and military officers.
Prince Olaf and the Duke of York walked up the aisle to the strains of the organ, followed by fifteen Royal guests in stately procession headed by King Haakon and Queen Maud.
Then the choir burst into the strains of the Swedish national anthem "Sverige," as the bride appeared, leaning on the arm of her father, Prince Charles of Sweden, followed by four Norwegian bridesmaids, among whom were Princess Ingrid.
Bishop Johan Lund officiated. He dwelt in his sermon on this further union of two old brother nations.
The choir sang the Norwegian anthem at the conclusion of the ceremony.—Reuter.

CHINESE WEDDING

DR. Y. K. WONG AND MISS
B. LAU

A pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Paul's Church yesterday between Dr. Y. K. Wong, of the Government Civil Hospital, and Miss Beatrice Lau, daughter of Mr. G. T. Lau.

The bride looked very well in a white satin picture frock, with tulle veil and wreath of orange blossom. Her bouquet consisted of a sheaf of arm lilies. The principal bridesmaid wore a picture frock with tight silver tissue bodice and long skirt of frills of tulle.

A well attended reception was afterward held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, when the young couple, who were the recipients of many congratulations, received their guests under a huge bell of fern and white flowers.

KOWLOON DEATH

MRS. ABRAHAM, AN OLD
RESIDENT

INFLUENZA VICTIM

Influenza claimed another Kowloon victim in Mrs. A. E. (Anne) Abraham, a resident 38 years of age, who died on Wednesday night at No. 8, Torres-building. She had been in good health until a few days ago.

Much sympathy will be felt with her family; her three sons being Mr. Ezra Abraham and Mr. Reuben Abraham (of Messrs. Tester and Abraham, stock-brokers) and Mr. Joe Abraham; and her daughters being Mrs. E. Sayer, who lives in Hong Kong, and Mrs. W. C. Fitcham, whose husband is on the Yangtze and who lives in England. There are three grandchildren here and two at Home.

The funeral took place yesterday at the Protestant cemetery, the Rev. W. Walton, Rogers (Vicar of St. Andrew's, Kowloon) officiating. It was attended by a large number of friends, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lay, Messrs. Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, Ho Ki, R. Pestonji, Percy Chan, T. N. Chau, O. R. Benson, A. H. Carroll, W. J. Carroll, A. Edgar, F. E. Nash, and Drs. Coxon and Ernest To.

Floral Tributes

Among the numerous wreaths sent were tributes from Rose and Ezra, Lizzie and Willie, Kitty and Edward, Joe and Reuben, Violet, Eddy, Gerald and Kenny, Dorothy and Gibby, Ada and Mickey, Freddie and Mabel, the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Chinese Amateur Musical Association, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Dr. and Mrs. Coxon To, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woo, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goldenburg, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gittins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldenberg, Mrs. R. Carroll and W. J. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Carroll, Mrs. F. Edgar and family, Miss M. Ellis and Felix M. Ellis, Mrs. Capell and family, Mr. A. Zimmern, Mr. O. Kitchell, Mr. Percy Tester, Mr. Ho Lu, Mr. F. E. Nash, Mr. S. M. Mayes, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. A. G. Sufiad and Mr. A. Mackenzie.

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Two Lots of Land
The item "Mortgage on Property Sold" has in consequence disappeared from the assets in the Balance Sheet and the Property reappears under Land at the original book value of \$31,000 and under Building at a valuation of \$30,000. The Special Reserve on the liability side of the Balance Sheet has been reduced to \$173,352.23, and you will notice that this amount has been merged into the General Reserve.

This property now consists of an Inland Lot 99,016 square feet in area, containing a row of ten Chinese tenement houses nearly ready for occupation, and a Garden Lot of 10,000 square feet.

It has been necessary to build a retaining wall on the eastern side of the property and we have incurred an expenditure of \$36,000 on the completion of the houses.

Your directors propose to let the ten houses until such time as an opportunity arises for the sale of the whole of the property.

The current account with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation shows a credit balance of nearly a lakh instead of an overdraft of about three lakhs in the last report and Bills Payable are less by \$339,126.

Capital Expenditure

We have completed the extension to our North Point generating station building and the first two boilers with the necessary coal and ash handling plant and storage bunkers were erected and placed in commission during the year. A 10,000 Kilowatt turbo-generator has been ordered for delivery during 1929 and is now in an advanced stage of construction at the makers' work. We have made provision in the new building for the accommodation of a further turbo-generator and six additional boilers, which should enable us to handle the present load before any further building extensions become necessary. We have built and equipped a new sub-station at Victoria Gap and have laid, in various parts of the Island, 19 miles of high and low tension cables including two new feeders from North Point to the centre of the town. The capital expenditure on Buildings, Plant and Mains in connection with these works has been \$776,558.

Benefit to Consumers

We have moved the showroom and the meter department to No. 12, Des Voeux-road and find this a convenient change of premises. Our plant has been maintained in good order during the year and we have been free from in-

dustrial troubles, and damage by storms.

Towards the end of the year your directors decided to make a reduction in the charge for electricity supplied for power and as you will have seen from recent advertisements the rate for three phase and single phase motors has been reduced to 5 cents per unit as from Jan. 1 last. Consumers will benefit to the extent of \$60,000 or more per annum by the reduction, and we trust it will lead to further expansion of this part of our business.

At the same time we have offered consumers who are willing to install standard connecting plugs a reduction in the price of current for domestic heating and power from 7½ cents to 5 cents per unit.

Satisfactory Year

Satisfactory service cannot be obtained from domestic heating and power appliances unless suitable provision is made in the house wiring and we hope that consumers will install standard plugs which will shortly be available and take advantage of the reduced price.

I think we can look on 1928 as a satisfactory year and I take this opportunity of recording the directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the staff and workmen.

Nothing further I think calls for comment and I now propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1928, be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question you may desire to ask.

Mr. Lau's Speech

Mr. Lau, in seconding the motion, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—I heartily congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, your fellow directors and the company's staff on the excellent result of the year's working, and think that all shareholders will be satisfied with the proposed appropriation of the profits. I am glad to learn that a settlement has been reached in the matter of our old Wanchai property and hope that with a little more patience we shall be able to dispose of this at a figure which will not be unsatisfactory to the company.

The reduction in the price of current sold for motors and domestic heating and power should lead to an increased demand and will benefit consumers to an appreciable extent.

Sound Foundations

I believe that the general opinion of the public of this Colony and also of our shareholders is that this company is most efficiently managed and I think its reputation has been built on sound foundations and is thoroughly well deserved. I viewed with satisfaction the developments that have been made in recent years to meet present and future requirements, and I am sure the same will not only be beneficial to the company's shareholders but to the public generally.

It gives me very much pleasure to second the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented.

No question was asked and the chairman's motion was carried unanimously.

Other Business

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Confirmation of appointment to the Board of Mr. B. D. F. Beith and Mr. J. P. Warren and re-election to the Board of the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and Mr. E. Pearce—proposed by Mr. A. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Leung Yan-po.

Re-election of Messrs. Ling and Davis as auditors for the current year at a fee of \$1,500—proposed by Mr. Fung Kong-um, seconded by Mr. L. J. Davies.

Dividend warrants can now be obtained on application.

U.S. SHIPPING

CONTRACT SIGNED FOR
IMPORTANT SALE

TWO MORE "LEVIATHANS"

New York, Yesterday.
The contract has been signed for the sale of the United States' lines, and Messrs. Chapman's undertake to build two vessels of a similar class to the "Leviathan" for the weekly mail service between New York and English Channel ports.—Reuter's American Service.

NAVAL MOVEMENT

H.M.S. "MAGNOLIA" TO GO
ON A CRUISE

H.M.S. "Magnolia," a sloop, leaves Wei-hai-wei to-day on a cruise. She is to be at Mokgho from March 23 to 27, at Izuhara from March 28 to April 1, at Nagasaki from April 1 to 3, and arrives at Shanghai on April 11.

H.M.S. "Cornflower," another sloop, arrived at Chefoo yesterday from Wei-hai-wei.

FIRE ENQUIRY

EVIDENCE ON THE FIRE APPLIANCES

MANAGER'S EXPERIENCES

When the King Edward Hotel fire inquiry was resumed at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton and a Coroner's jury, Mr. J. H. Wittich, manager of the hotel, continued his evidence, and described how General and Madame Chan Ming-shu effected their escape.

Mr. Wittich said that after he and his family got to the bottom of the stone steps on the ground floor, they looked for a place to get out. He did not expect to see the ground floor gate open and on arriving there he was told by a Sergeant that the basement door was open. The watchman should have the key to that door.

By the Coroner: Witness knew that the stone steps were the only practical fire escape to the building, but confessed that he had never given a thought to the question as to what would happen if the hotel caught fire.

Rescue by Canvas

Getting out by the basement door, witness observed that the Fire Brigade had already arrived and men were holding the canvas at the Des Vœux-road corner. He helped at one of these sheets and saw several Chinese jump. Next he went to the hydrant at the Ice House-street and Des Vœux-road junction and from that position observed that there was a Chinese sitting on the middle of the front face of the building. Witness notified those in charge of the fire escape and the man was safely fetched down.

Next witness gave a hand at the corner near the entrance of the hotel where Madame Chan Ming-shu came down. Madame Chan climbed down from the second floor to the first by holding on to the two-inch gaps between spaces of about two feet on the wall. On reaching the first floor she appeared to be trying to climb on to the lamp and fell, getting half into the jumping sheet. At about the same moment, General Chan Ming-shu jumped from the second floor, hitting the ground through the jumping sheet. There was no damage whatever to the latter.

After getting a change of clothing from Mr. Hines, witness returned to the scene of the fire, where he met Mr. T. H. King, and together they opened the ground floor gate with a crowbar. Witness added that there was only about six inches between the water in the basement and the main electric fuse.

The hotel register was taken away by witness to the St. Francis Hotel and later handed over to the authorities.

No Chinese Instructions

Speaking of the fire appliances in the King Edward Hotel, Mr. Wittich said that he knew personally where the fire appliances were. There was a box with a fire hose and nozzle and a hydrant on each floor and the position was easy to get hold of. It was to the right hand of the staircase except in the case of the ground floor, where it was opposite the lift. There were no instructions in Chinese, as far as witness knew.

All the hydrants were sealed by the Government and they could not turn on the water without breaking the seal although the hoses could be affixed to the hydrants without interference with the seal. No fire drills were held in the hotel.

The Coroner asked Mr. King if the Hotel applied for permission to squirt water over their stairs, whether they would be permitted.

Mr. King replied that that would be a matter for the Water Authority and he thought as far as the Police were concerned there would have been no objection.

Mr. Wittich said in reply to the Coroner that some of the servants had been in the King Edward Hotel before he himself joined and the appliances were in the hotel when he arrived.

No Brigade Inspection

Mr. King, in answer to the Coroner, intimated that it was not a practice of the Fire Brigade to visit hotels and inspect their fire appliances. There was no legal obligation to do so. The Brigade did so on request or when the Superintendent thought all was not as it should be. In the case of new installations, these were supervised by the Fire Brigade in conjunction with the Water Authority.

The Coroner (to Mr. Wittich): What your position comes to is that you took over a going concern, and knowing that nothing had gone wrong you rather assumed that nothing would?

Mr. Wittich: Yes, that is so. Questioned as to the polishing of the floors, Mr. Wittich said that it had always been treated with wax, kerosene and turpentine. The floors and stairs had been treated for many years in

this manner every two or three days at a time. He agreed that that made the stairs more inflammable. The stairs were made of hard wood.

Electric Wire Fused
Answering another question by the Coroner, witness said that about a year ago an electric wire fused near the stairs. The hydrant was not used and the wires were cut as soon as the fusing was noticed. Shortly before the disaster on March 11, a settler in Mr. Henderson's room on the fourth floor (No. 403) was set on fire by means of a cigarette. That also was soon put out.

Dealing with the luggage on the bottom of the stairs, described by the witness as being on fire, Mr. Wittich said that that luggage was quite usual.

The Coroner: What is your theory of the fire?

Witness: I had formed no theory. I think that if it did start from the staircase it was the fault of bad wiring.

Answering Mr. Hin-shing Lo, his own Counsel, witness said there was no ground for the sug-

CHEFOO'S DEFENCE

FOREIGN OBSERVER SEES THE "FRONT"

NATIONALIST MORALE

Chefoo, Yesterday.
George Krainukov, representing Paramount News, yesterday visited General Liu Chen-nien's front line at Kangyu. He reports having seen excellent defences to repel the advance of the anti-Nationalists and that up-to-date trenches stretch to the sea behind a network of land-mines. Every precaution is taken to prevent the Northerners' advancing on Chefoo. There are at least 2,000 infantry and 1,000 cavalry stationed at Kangyu, all well-equipped with arms and ammunition, the infantrymen having a large number of trench-mortars and machine-guns.

Apparently General Liu intends to repel the enemy at all costs in spite of rumours to the contrary that he is negotiating with Chang Tsung-chang.

On the arrival of Krainukov, General Liu was addressing his soldiers for two hours on the "San Min" principles. An excellent esprit de corps is apparent. Reuter.

the main staircase which was only a few feet from the door.

Over the Balustrade
"I then went back again to the verandah and whilst cogitating what to do, looked over and saw a European (whom I since came to know was Mr. Wentz) climbing over the balustrade of the verandah and making for the verandah of the room of the Savoy Hotel on the other side of the party wall."

"Without hesitation I followed suit. I broke open the glass door of this room, which I found to be empty, and made for the fire escape of the Savoy. I found it, and going down this, I went into a flat in the offices of the Chinese Maritime Customs. I put on a coat, a sweater and a pair of shoes, and went out again, to the scene of the fire. This was just after 3.20 a.m."

"I made my way to Des Vœux-road by way of the Jade Tree shop, and walked under the arcade until I reached the little shop at the corner of the lane separating the King Edward Hotel from Alexandra Building. I crossed the road and took up a position at the end of the passage between Lane, Crawford and the Hong Kong Gas Company's shop."

Lady's Body Discovered
"I had not been there for more than three minutes talking to a Sergeant of Police and another gentleman, when one of them said:—'Good God, what is that?' pointing to an object lying in the gutter on the other side of the road. We rushed over and then saw the body of a European woman. This must have been at 3.25 a.m. I can swear the body was not there when I crossed the road. The body was lying very close to the edge of the curb with a forearm resting on the edge of the curb. My impression was that she jumped. I came to that conclusion there and then."

"I picked the body up. There were no external marks of injuries, and no bleeding. I recognised who it was, and I told the Sergeant there on duty that it was Mrs. Robson, with whom I was acquainted. Looking at the strength of the glasses which I observed her wearing previously, I thought Mrs. Robson was very short-sighted. There was no sign of the glasses anywhere near the body."

Replying to the jury, Mr. Beswick said he would not go so far as to use the word "brawl," but on the night previous to the fire, there was some loose talking and shouting going on in the lounge of the hotel, which, he might be permitted to say, "was indicative of inebriation on the part of those taking part." Although these rows did not occur in the hotel as a general rule, they were not exceptional.

No Ground for Complaint
Mr. King: Apart from the fact that it was impossible to reach any fire escape, have you any ground for complaint at all?

Witness: No. I thought they realise that there is a limit to the length of fire escapes.

Mr. King: Apart from that have you any?

Witness: None whatever. Incidentally, I should like to say this—From the fourth floor where I stood, the jumping sheet that I saw brought round to the front door of the Hotel appeared to me to be about a yard square.

Mr. Beswick then gave his personal opinion of the chances of escape as presented after the outbreak of the fire, stating that if they had thought of it, other persons on the same floor as he was on could have made their escape by climbing round the party wall into the Savoy.

The inquiry will resume on Monday at 2.15 p.m.

Four cases of small-pox were reported yesterday—three from Kowloon and one from the New Territories.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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SUBJECT to weather and ground conditions, the following dates have been fixed.

Championship Doubles Semi-Final (Lower Half) Thursday, 28th March.

Championship Doubles Semi-Final (Upper Half) Tuesday, 2nd April.

Championship Singles Semi-Final (Upper Half) Monday, 8th April.

Championship Singles Semi-Final (Lower Half) Tuesday, 9th April.

Championship Singles Final Thursday, 11th April.

Championship Doubles Final Monday, 15th April.

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BRITAIN AND EGYPT

MR. CHURCHILL EXPLAINS AGREEMENT

INTERESTING SETTLEMENT

London, Yesterday.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated in the House of Commons that the Egyptian Government had ratified the financial agreement arrived at last month for the settlement of financial questions outstanding between the British and Egyptian Governments and, in particular, of Egypt's liability for the Ottoman Guarantee Loan of 1855. The Egyptian Government had agreed to pay the arrears of Egypt's contribution to the services of this loan, which had been withheld since 1924 and amounted to £328,600. They also undertook to pay the British Government an amount to cover the services of the redemption in future on the share of the loan which had been agreed at £1,386,000. That liability would be discharged by an immediate cash payment of £302,000 and 15 annual payments of approximately £90,000 each.

In return the British Government gave a full and final discharge from all claims in respect of that loan.

In regard to other matters the Egyptian Government had agreed to make a payment of £349,000 to settlement of the outstanding war claims by the War Office. On the other hand, the British Government undertook to give Egypt a share amounting to 464 of one per cent. of the British Empire reparations receipts. The amount due would be set off against the amount due from Egypt on the 1855 loan.—British Wireless Service.

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A small knot of people gathered on the sands in front of the house and saw His Majesty.—British Wireless Service.

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DUTCH "UNSINKABLE" LIFE- BOAT PICKED UP

CREW RESCUED

New York, Yesterday.
The adventurous attempt of
the septuagenarian Dutch sea
captain, Jacob Schuttervaer, to
cross the Atlantic in an "unsink-
able" lifeboat, named after him-
self, has ended in the steamer
"Cornilla" picking up Schutter-
vaer, the captain and crew of two
in mid-Atlantic on Monday.
These rescued declare that
they would have starved or died
of thirst soon if they had not
been rescued.—Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.

BROADCASTING

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A VOTE OF \$5,000

Broadcasting, as conducted by the
Government, was discussed yester-
day in the Legislative Council when
the Finance Committee met to ap-
prove a number of supplementary
votes. The attendance comprised
the Colonial Secretary (the Hon.
Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), the
Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr.
C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.), the Hon.
Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director
of Public Works), the Hon. Sir
Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D., the Hon.
Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr.
A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L.
Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga,
the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, O.B.E.,
LL.D.

A vote of \$5,000 was asked for
furniture, piano, carpet, etc. for
the wireless broadcasting studio at
the Peak.

"Very Good Indeed"
The Colonial Secretary said he
was sure the general public would
be interested to have the local
broadcasting studio made as effec-
tive as possible. Radio "fans" had
informed him that the work done
at the studio was very good indeed,
but it could not be really effective
until the studio had been properly
furnished. That was his excuse
for asking the Finance Committee
to approve the vote.

Colonial Treasurer: I am inform-
ed that the work done is extra-
ordinarily good. Shanghai people
say it is very good.

Hon. Mr. Shenton: I should like
to ask if it is intended to increase
the radius of broadcasting locally.
I am given to understand that at
the present time local broadcasting
does not reach Canton effectively.

"Heard in Chicago"
Director of Public Works: I am
afraid I do not know what Mr.
(L. H.) King (Electrical Engineer,
Public Works Department) is doing
in that direction, but the sum re-
quired is for improving the studio
for local broadcasting.

Hon. Mr. Shenton: I am only
asking for information as to
whether it is intended to make
our broadcasting apparatus more
powerful than it is at present. I
am told that the present apparatus
can only broadcast around the
Colony of Hong Kong, and is not
sufficiently powerful to even reach
Canton.

Colonial Treasurer: Of course, it
will improve broadcasting if we get
a stronger apparatus.

Colonial Secretary: I am afraid I
cannot tell you off hand what it is
intended to do, but I will have
enquiries made.

Colonial Treasurer: I understand
the Hong Kong station has been
heard as far as Chicago. If you in-
crease the power, that will not affect
the studio in the least. The studio
is quite as suitable for an apparatus
ten times as powerful as the present
one.

Colonial Secretary: I will have
enquiries made.

MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/11 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/11 13/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	—
Bank, 4 months' sight	2/-
Credita, 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/- 7/8
On Paris—	
On demand	123 1/2
Credita, 4 months' sight	130 7/8
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	49 1/2
Credita, 60 days' sight	49 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	132
On demand	132
On Calcutta—	
Wire	132
On demand	132
On Singapore—	
On demand	85 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand	96 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	77 1/2
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	107 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9 7/8
Silver (per oz.)	26 1/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2 1/4 Prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Chinese Copper Cents	6 1/2 Prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	32 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	1 1/4% dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.275
New York	4.85 11/32
Brussels	34.95 3/4
Geneva	24.23 1/4
Amsterdam	12.11 1/4
Milan	92.70
Berlin	20.45 3/4
Stockholm	18.17 1/4
Copenhagen	18.215
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.545
Prague	164
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	31.725
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	816
Rio	5 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Bombay	Holiday
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Hong Kong	1/11 3/4
Yokohama	1/11 1/32
Silver Spot	26 1/16
Silver Forward	26 1/2

OIL COMPANIES

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF B.O.T.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons Sir
Philip Cunliffe Lister, President
of the Board of Trade, replying to
Comdr. Kenworthy, said the Gov-
ernment was considering the oil
companies' statement. He cited
Mr. Baldwin's opinion, recently
expressed, that undertakings
dominating the supply and dis-
tribution of articles of com-
mon use ought to supply reason-
able terms. This was equally ap-
plicable to future as to the pre-
sent circumstances. The subject
to which the Government did not
intend to attempt to interfere
was the commercial policy of the
oil companies.—Reuter.

T.T. on London 1/11 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai 78 1/4

Banks

H.K. Bank	\$1250 s
H.K. London Reg.	\$133 n
Chartered Bank	\$21 b
Mercantile A. & B.	\$34 1/2 n
Mercantile C.	\$15 1/4 n
P. & O. Bank	\$9 1/4 n
Bank of East Asia	\$90 1/2 n

Insurances

Canton Insurance	\$695 b
Union Insurance	\$387 n
North China Insurance	\$160 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$350 n
China Underwriters	\$2.20 b 2.40 s
China Fire Insurance	\$290 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$795 b

Shipping

Douglases	\$36 sa
H.K. Steamboats	\$26 1/2 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	\$2.45 s
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	\$52 1/2 n
Indo-Chinas (Def.)	\$92 n
Shell Transports	\$95/- n
Shell Transports (new)	—
Union Water-boats	\$22 1/2 n

Mining

Benguet	\$23 1/2 b
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$64/- b
Langkate (comb.)	\$114 n
Langkate (singles)	\$7 1/2 n
Shanghai Explorations	\$13 s
Shanghai Loans	\$4 1/2 n
Rauha	\$7.10 b 7.15 s
Tronoh Mines	\$17/6 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$126 s
H.K. & W. Docks	\$40 1/2 s
China Providents	\$4.55 b 4.70 s

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New Engineerings
Shanghai Docks

Cotton Mills
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Oriental Cottons
Shanghai Cottons (old)
Shanghai Cottons (new)

Lands, Hotels & Buildings
H.K. & S. Hotels

H.K. Lands
Shanghai Lands
Humphreys' Estates

H.K. Realities
H.K. Territorials
Prince's Buildings

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways

Peak Trams (old)
Peak Trams (new)
Star Ferries

China Lights (comb.)
China Lights (old)
China Lights (new)

China Lights 1928 issue
H.K. Electric (old)
H.K. Electric (new)

Macao Electric
H.K. Telephone
China Buses

Singapore Traction
Singapore Pref.
Sandakan Lts.

Industrials
China Sugars
Malabon Sugars

Canton Ices
Cements (comb.)
Cements (old)

Cements (new)
H.K. Ropes (old)
H.K. Ropes (new)

United Asbestos
Stores, &c.
Dairy Farms

Watsons
Der A. Wings
Lane, Crawfords

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This week's "Overland China Mail" is again full of good
things. Later news about the King Edward Hotel fire, the
holding of the Coroner's inquest, and other developments
take a prominent place. Pictures of the fire have also been
included.

Much of interest has happened in China. The third
national Congress of the Nationalist Party—described in one
quarter as the annual general meeting of shareholders in the
Republic of China, convened by the directors in session in
Nanking—has opened with the usual blaze of trumpets.
Immediately before that was the settlement of the Hunan
trouble when recurrence of civil war seemed to be impending.

As usual, all the "local" and "China" news is published
in the "Overland." If there was anything that struck your
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Sport Columns

LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOR TO-MORROW

FULL PROGRAMME

SOMERSET REGIMENT IN FIRST LEAGUE GAME

ATHLETIC v. POLICE

[By "Rever"]

There is a full League programme to-morrow with the competition in an interesting state.

The list of matches, with officials, is as follows:—

Division I.

Kick-off, 4.45 p.m.
Club de Recreo v. K.O.S.B., Sookumpoo. Referee: Mr. Hollands.

Police R.C. v. Chinese Athletic, Caroline Hill. Referee: C.F.O. Cowan.

Club v. R.A. Club ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.
Kowloon v. Somerset Regiment, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Coxn. Willis.

Small Units v. Royal Navy, Sookumpoo. Referee: L.S.B.A. Atkinson, R.N.

Division II.

Kick-off, 3.15 p.m.
Somerset Regiment v. R.A.F. Chatham-road. Referee: Mr. Lawrence.

Small Units v. Royal Navy, Club ground. Referee: E.R.A. Anderson.

K.O.S.B. v. Chinese Athletic, Navy ground. Referee: Mr. Crossley.

Eastern v. South China "B", Caroline Hill. Referee, Mr. Rider.
St. Joseph's v. South China "A", St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. Critchett.

Club de Recreo v. Kowloon, King's Park. Referee: Cpl. Grievie.

At Sookumpoo the Club de Recreo and Borderers should be a fine match, past results always having been close after fast play. Both sides are fast and clever and if the Recreo field a full side they should just get home, although there should be very little in it.

The other Kowloon match will be at the Kowloon F.C. ground where the new Regiment, the Somersets will play their first senior League game in the place of the Queen's Regiment. The Somersets are still in the Shield Competition and with Kowloon in their present form the match should be a good one. I hear that the Somersets possess a couple of smart forwards, and are a sound side all round. Kowloon will have to fight hard for the points, but may just get them.

The big match of the day is the meeting of the Chinese Athletic and the Police R.C. at Caroline Hill. Both teams are going strong for the League championship with the Athletic holding the better record to date. A win to-morrow for either Club would place them favourites. The big ground at Caroline Hill will suit the Athletic and the Police, and a fine struggle should be the result. Wynne was badly burnt on Wednesday in the Shield match and his absence against the clever Athletic left wing will be a big loss. I am inclined to think that the chances are slightly in favour of the Athletic, but the match should be an exciting one and full of good football.

The Club v. R.A. match on the Club ground will probably be for four points, owing to the fixtures being behind and neither Club is in a favourable position on the League. The introduction of Goldman will make a big difference to the Club, who should win full points.

The Royal Navy are not likely to make any more slips, and although the Small Units have put

up one or two promising shows lately I do not think that they will win this match. Still, without the "Kent" stalwarts, the Navy should be strong enough to win, with a bit in hand, at Sookumpoo.

The junior programme contains one or two interesting matches, the chief being the meeting of the K.O.S.B. and the Chinese Athletic, which the former should win. The Somersets Reserves will carry on the Queen's records and may beat the R.A.F., but this is doubtful. The R.A.F. should win on form. The Navy Reserves require to win, as they should do to make their chances of the Championship more secure. South China "A" and "B" teams should win, but Kowloon Reserves may have a hard job to avert defeat at King's Park.

The three surviving Clubs so far in the Shield Competition are Kowloon, Club de Recreo and South China. On Monday the R.A. and Somersets will meet again to decide who shall be the other semi-finalist. The draw for the semi-finals (which will, if practicable, be played on neutral grounds) will take place on Tuesday next at the usual monthly meeting of the Association. The dates of the semi-final and final Ties of the Shield are April 13 and 20.

The Queen's Regiment will be greatly missed in Association circles, as since their arrival in the Colony, they have done much for local football. This year they started carrying all before them in the Leagues but, through injuries to players, struck a bad patch a few weeks ago. In spite of a return to their old form recently they have jeopardised their chances of the Championship in both Leagues, although the Somersets, who are continuing the Queen's fixtures, have started brightly and may yet make a fight for the Leadership.

With the football season drawing to a close there are many senior and junior matches which, owing to cancellation, have to be played in mid-week. Easter promises to be a full time for Clubs, many big matches being arranged.

NEW LEAGUE DATES

Programme of the Remaining Matches

The following outstanding League games will be played on dates fixed as under:

Senior Division

Wednesday, March 27.
Chinese v. R.A., Club ground. Referee: Mr. Vosper.

Somersets v. Club, Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Cowan.

S. China v. K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill. Referee: Mr. Hollands.

Friday, March 29.
Police v. K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill. Referee: Mr. Smith.

Chinese v. S. Units, Club ground. Referee: Mr. Atkinson.

Wednesday, April 3.
K.O.S.B. v. S. China, Sookumpoo. Referee: Mr. Willis.

S. Units v. Somersets, Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Vosper.

Saturday, April 6.
Kowloon v. R.A., Kowloon.

Tuesday, April 9.
Navy v. Recreo, Caroline Hill. Referee: Mr. Hollands.

Somersets v. Police, Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Cowan.

Thursday, April 11.
Recreo v. R.A., Recreo. Referee: Mr. Atkinson.

All games will start at 5 p.m. sharp.

Junior Division

Wednesday, March 27.
South China "B" v. Navy, Navy ground. Referee: Mr. Master.

Chinese v. Kowloon, Chinese ground. Referee: Mr. Rider.

Eastern v. R.A., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Anderson.

Somersets v. St. Joseph's, Recreo ground. Referee: Cpl. Lees.

K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F., Kowloon ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.
Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp.
Friday, March 29.
St. Joseph's v. Chinese, Club ground. Referee: L/Cpl. Grievie.
Kick off at 3 p.m. sharp.

Monday, April 1.
Chinese v. Navy, Club ground. Referee: Sergt. Bunting.
Kick off at 3 p.m. sharp.

Wednesday, April 3.
S. China "B" v. R.A., Caroline ground. Referee: Mr. Crossley.

Kowloon v. K.O.S.B., Kowloon ground. Referee: Mr. Swallow.

Chinese v. Eastern, Chinese ground. Referee: Mr. Critchett.

R.A.F. v. Somersets, Recreo ground. Referee: Mr. Mose.

Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp.
Wednesday, April 10.
R.A. v. Chinese, Sookumpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

South China "A" v. Eastern, Caroline ground. Referee: Sergt. Clark.
Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp.

LAWN TENNIS

RESULTS OF TIES IN H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT

Yesterday's ties in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament resulted:

Open Doubles.—M. K. and M. W. Lo beat J. G. Lawrie and G. W. Sewell 6-3, 6-3, 19-8.

Handicap Singles "B".—E. J. R. Mitchell (ove 5/6) beat W. A. Stewart (rec. 5/6) 6-3, 6-2; A. C. I. Bowker (ove 2/6) beat W. Woodward (rec. 2/6) 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Doubles.—S. E. and D. S. Green (ove 15) beat Very Rev. Dean Swann and Rev. H. V. Koop (Scr.) 6-3, 6-4; G. N. de Man and C. Stigter (rec. 15) beat J. H. Ashworth and H. A. Mills (rec. 5/6) 3-5, 6-3, 6-1.

To-day's Programme

The programme for this afternoon is as follows:

Open Singles.—S. A. Rumjahn v. J. S. McEachran; J. Hale v. C. E. Holmes.

Club Championship.—L. Goldman v. L. Forster.

Handicap Singles "B".—E. R. Price (rec. 4/6) v. L. A. R. Duncan (ove 5/6).

Handicap Doubles.—G. W. Sewell and G. C. Grove (ove 15/1) v. A. H. Penn and A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 15).

Dates of Semi-Finals

Subject to weather and ground conditions, the following dates have been fixed:

Championship Doubles.—Semi-final (Lower Half) Thursday, March 28.

Championship Doubles.—Semi-final (Upper Half) Tuesday, April 2.

Championship Singles.—Semi-final (Upper Half) Monday, April 8.

Championship Singles.—Semi-final (Lower Half) Tuesday, April 9.

Championship Singles.—Final, Thursday, April 11.

Championship Doubles.—Final, Monday, April 15.

Members and Subscribers may now book seats at the Pavilion to witness semi-final and final matches from the Stand.

HOCKEY

LADIES' INTER-CLUB GAME TO-MORROW

There will be an Inter-Club game at 3.15 on the Naval Ground at Happy Valley to-morrow.

The teams will be chosen from the following:—M. Wallace, G. Heard, C. Fergusson, M. King, J. Brown, A. Steele, M. Russell, P. Goodall, D. Stanion, N. McNeillie, M. Hansen, E. Adair, M. Russell, C. Way, B. Baker, I. C. Bell, E. Blackburn, Mrs. Webster, A. Cressy, R. Laing, F. Cousins, E. J. Coppin. Reserves: M. Riggs, A. Steel and E. Tassartez.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

In the international hockey Scotland beat England 3-0, whilst in the women's international England beat Scotland 4-1.

HOME TURF

PROBABLES FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL

SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES

London, Yesterday.

The following are alterations in the list of probable starters and jockeys in the Grand National to-morrow (Friday):—

Easter Hero (12st. 7) Moloney Sprig (12.5) Escott
Bright's Boy (12.4) T. Leader
Koko (12.3) Duffy
Great Span (12st.) Payne
Trump Card (11.12) Pigot
Grakle (11.9) Hamey
Mount Etna (11.7) Foster
Billy Barton (11.7) Gullinan
Lloydie (11.4) Everitt
Ardeen (11.2) Lyall
The Ace II (11.3) Evans
May King (11.2) F. Gurney
Carfax (11.1) Ancil
Ballystockhart (11st.) Sassoon
Lord (11st.) Weber
Master Billie (1st.) Rayson
Skrun Prince (10.12) W. Gurney
Le Touquet (10.12) Bedeloup
Overdraft (10.11) Bennett
Rampant (10.11) Misa
Ardoon's Pride (10.10) Thrall
Tipperary Tim (10.10) Dutton
Sandy Hook (10.9) Fish
K.C.B. (10.10) Hogan
Knockir (10.8) Gubbins
Uncle of Forest (10.8) Kennard
Dwarf Ben (10.8) Powell
Drummond (10.8) Balding
Herbert's Choice (10.8) L. Rees
Reach Martin (10.7) L. Rees
Ridymond II (10.6) Stott
Ruddyman (10.6) Grant
Hawker (10.5) Grant
Gay Dog II (10.3) Birch
Denburgh (10.3) Hardy
Delarue (10.3) Wilson
Ballyhanwood (10.2) Goswell
Camperdown (10st.) Goode
Toy Bell (10st.) Morgan
Mellert's Belle (10st.) Mason
Miss Balseadden (10st.) Bowden
Merivale II (10st.) Brookes
Fleet Prince (10st.) Thackeray
Wild Edgar (10st.) Regan
More Din (10st.) Haraway
Kwango (10st.) Waudby
Cloringo (10st.) Wall
Duke of Florence (10st.) (—)
Kilbairn (10st.) Figgott
Cryptical (10st.) Scarachley
Hawwood (10st.) Williams
Knight of the Wilderness (11.7) Keogh

D.D.B. (10.11) R. Gubbins
Darracy (10.10) G. Poole
Golden Street (10.8) (—)
Sultan of Wilken (10.8) (—)
Soldier's Joy (10.2) Gossage
Irina (10.0) Kelly
April Fool (10.0) T. James
Rathory (10.0) Burford
Kilbairn 10.0) G. Turner
Best Home (10.0) G. Elliott
Big Wonder (10.0) Bisgood
Nannie II (10.0) McCarthy
Stage Management (10.0) (—)
Theorem (10.0) Postello
Stort (11.0) Chisman
Far Flight (10.10) E. Brown
—Reuter.

BOXING

JOHNNIE HILL OUTPOINTS ERNIE JARVIS

FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

London, Yesterday.
In the Albert Hall, in the British flyweight championship of fifteen rounds, Joannie Hill, the holder, outpointed Ernie Jarvis, of Millwall.—Reuter.



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BRITISH POLITICS

MR. BALDWIN ON HIS ADMINISTRATION

CONSERVATIVES CONFIDENT

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Baldwin, before a record audience, delivered a speech at Leicester (which was relayed to towns in four counties). He claimed that no programme was ever more rigidly followed than the Conservative programme of 1924.

"When the new programme is formulated and we are returned to power, as we shall be, it will again be carried out in the spirit and letter."

What Mr. Lloyd George Forgot! The Premier concentrated upon a reply to Mr. Lloyd George, and said that the latter had forgotten that the Government had established the Electricity Board which was now coming into fruition. Similarly, bills were at present under consideration to provide for work in connection with London passenger transport. The Government had spent hundreds of millions sterling on roads, houses and public works and were still spending money on them.

"War Time Expedients" On the contrary there was nothing more uneconomical than to rush programmes of contract work as Mr. Lloyd George proposed and such were "war-time expedients." Moreover, borrowing, like drink, produces an inevitable headache and we won't countenance reckless depression of the country's credit by plunging into vast and ill-considered schemes of so-called development which do ultimately more harm than good.

But reorganisation, rationalisation and co-operation between employers and employed are the methods by which we shall pass through the valley to the greater prosperity awaiting us.

The Premier concluded by reviewing the Government's achievements, notably, the derating scheme which, if they had been mere politicians, they would have kept for the election.

World Peace

Mr. Baldwin called the attention to the Government's efforts for world peace, the solving of the reparations problem and the bringing of France and Germany together at Locarno. "Our influence has brought Germany into the League and no country in the world could show anything like the British record for practical disarmament. The only future alternatives were Socialist Governments (with or without Liberal support) He was confident of the result."

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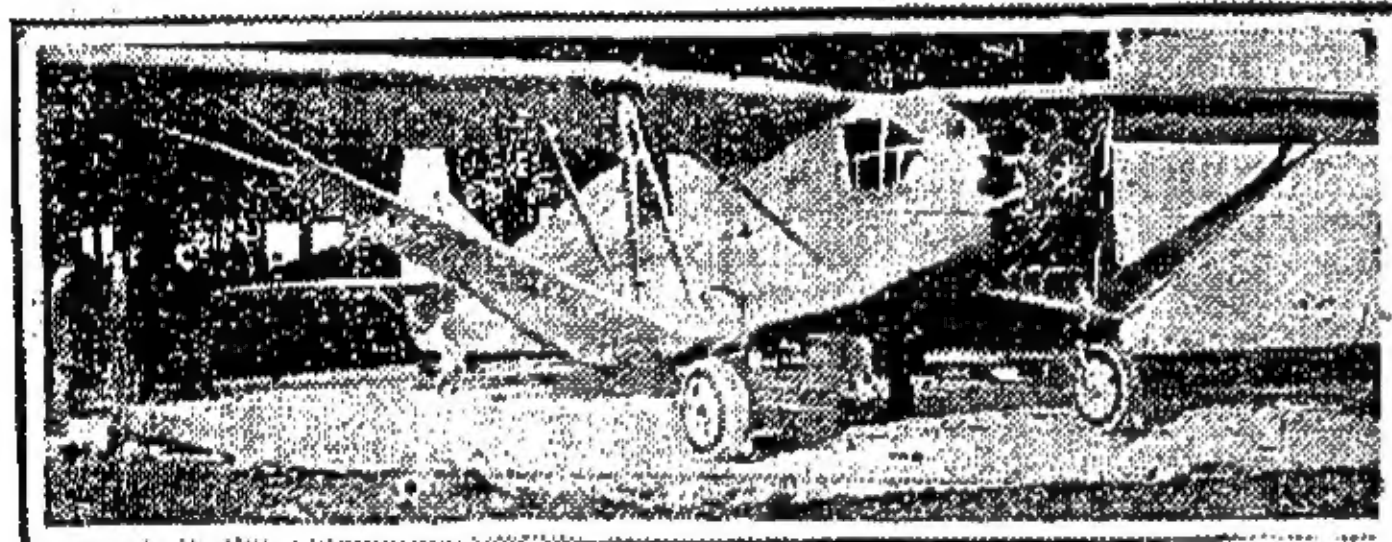
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

The Annual Meeting



Of the Chinese Mission to Lepers was held at the Bankers' Club, Shanghai, at which Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee was re-elected President for the fourth year in succession. Seated in the centre is Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee (President) while on his right is Dr. Wu Lien-teh (Hon. Vice-President) and on his left is Dr. Wu Li-kuo (representing the Commissioner of Public Health for the Municipality of Greater Shanghai). Others in the picture are: Dr. Fong F. Sec. and Dr. E. S. Tzuu (Vice-Presidents), Dr. U. K. Kuo, Dr. Sheng, Mr. E. K. Hsu (representing Mr. K. P. Chen), Mr. F. M. Suh, Mr. K. S. Lee, Mr. P. K. Chu, Mr. Chi-fan Li, Mrs. T. K. M. Siao, Mrs. Y. S. Cheng (all Directors), Rev. T. C. Wu (General Secretary), Mr. H. C. Tsao (Chairman, Council on Health Education), Mr. George A. Fitch (Hon. General Adviser), Dr. John Y. Lee, Mr. K. F. Chang, Mr. Li Zee-min, Miss A. Fong and others.—(Wei Fong.)

Ready for Long Hop to Argentine



Lieutenants Claudio Meila and Diego A. Arzeno, South American aviators, are practising daily, with the giant Bellanca, below, which they will fly to Buenos Aires for the Argentine Government. The men will later attempt to fly the same plane from South America to Seville, Spain.

Honeymoon Murder



Christopher Cullen, accused of the honeymoon murder of his five-day bride, is being held in a Florida hospital until his condition allows him to be brought to trial at Bingham, where his bride's body was found. Cullen was picked up unconscious near the tracks of the Florida East Coast railroad while search was being concentrated for him in northern New England.

He Flew to Fame



The poet-aviator, Baron Ehrenfried von Huenefeld, who with his brave companions spanned the Atlantic in the Bremen, recently died in Berlin.

A Countess In Trade



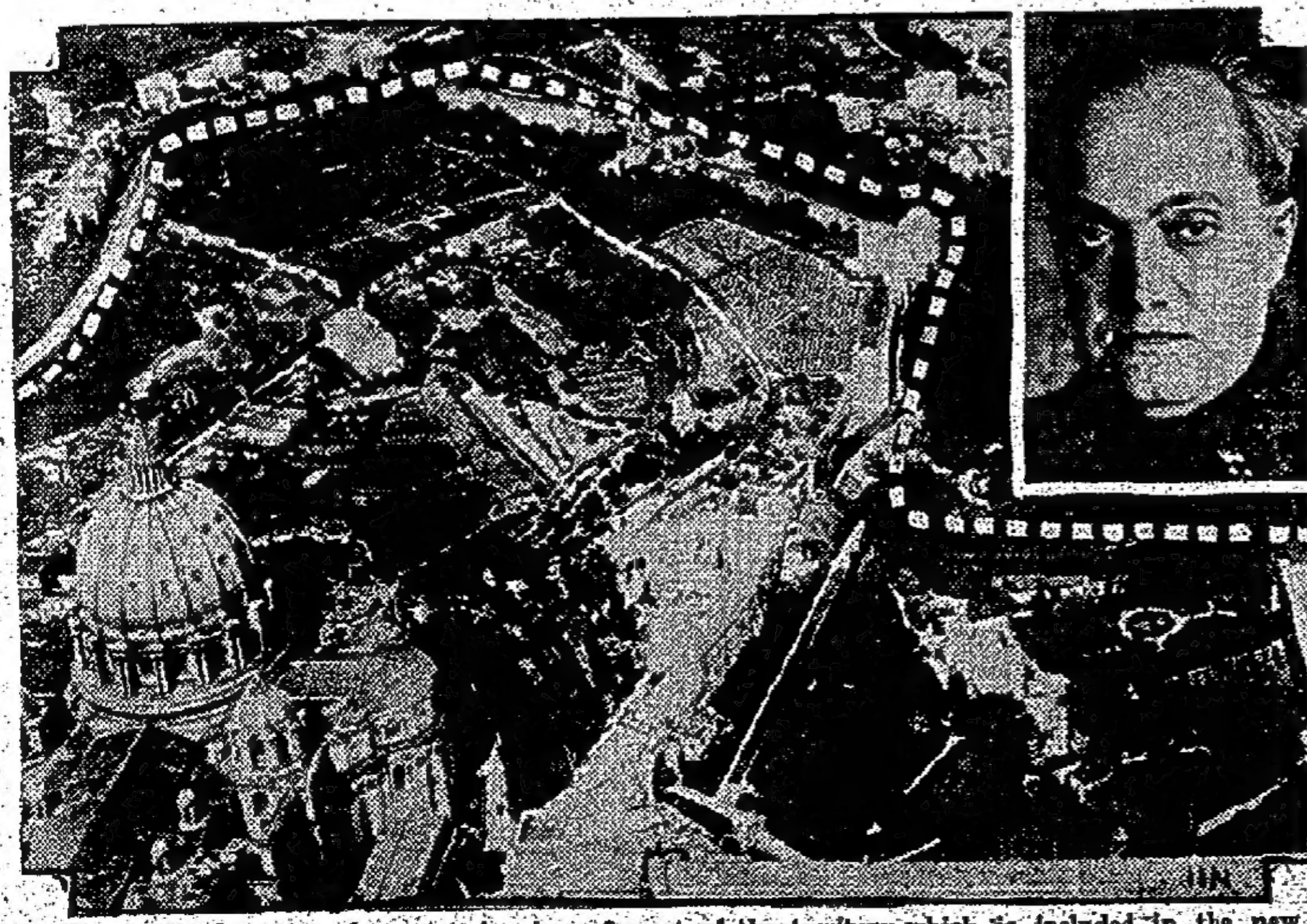
Countess Carnwath, wife of the Earl of Carnwath, who has started London society by entering business. Recently she took over an ornamental glass firm. She is the former Maud Matland.

Married A Turk



The Princess Syda Snad Boy Chakir, formerly Mrs. J. D. Spreckels, who lost her citizenship when she married the Turkish Prince in 1922, regained her rights when she was naturalized in San Francisco, Cal.

New Papal State



This outlined section shows an air view of most of the territory which is included in the new Papal state created by agreement between the Pope and the Italian Government. St. Peter's Square and the Vatican Gardens, together with a grant of 1,000,000,000 lire settle the question, which has long been the cause of controversy in Italy. Professor Amadeo Giannini, of the Italian Foreign Office, is given much of the credit for bringing about an amicable settlement. It is expected that all countries will soon recognize Pope Pius XI. in his new status as ruler of a temporal kingdom.

Worth \$3,000,000 Or Nothing



To prove whether or not the painting (left, "La Belle Ferroniere") is a real Da Vinci, Mrs. Andree Hahn is suing Sir Joseph Duveen, art expert, for \$500,000 because she claims he said the picture she owns is not by Leonardo Da Vinci, but a copy.

Where King George Is Recuperating



"Craigwell House," the home of Sir Arthur Du Coffs, near Bognor, a village on the English coast, where King George is recuperating. The castle is only a few steps from the beach.

An Ex-Secretary



Political storms about the head of Mrs. O. O. Hammond while she was confidential secretary to Gov. Henry S. Johnson of Oklahoma, finally forced her resignation.

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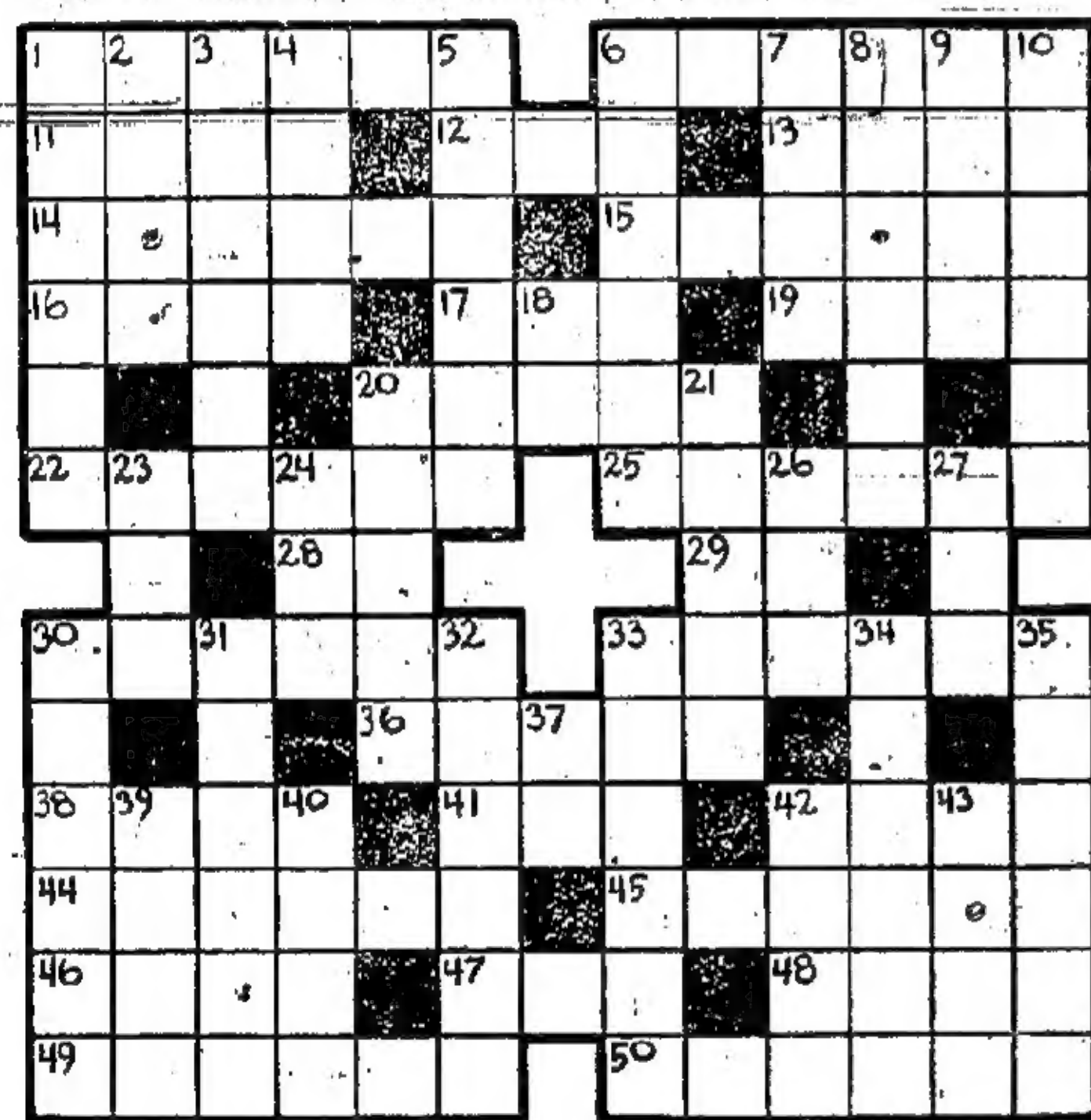
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional "bizarre" spellings, such as hitherto, piano, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Breed of chickens
- 6-College treasurer
- 11-Mountain range of Turkey
- 12-Man's name
- 13-Once (Scott)
- 14-The N. American prairie-falcon
- 15-The plural of "genus"
- 16-Examine
- 17-Radical (abbr.)
- 18-An Oriental weight
- 20-Hourly
- 22-Popular American comedian
- 25-Edible sea-weeds
- 28-Conjunction
- 29-Toward
- 30-Division of time
- 33-To set forth
- 36-Possessive pronoun
- 38-That which binds
- 41-Mineral spring

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 42-A nobleman
- 44-Fabrics woven from flax
- 45-A gate
- 46-Paradise
- 47-Female sheep
- 48-Withered
- 49-Pulpit canopy
- 50-A seed-planting machine

VERTICAL

- 10-Kingdoms
- 18-A letter
- 20-Callous
- 21-Guitar-like musical instrument (pl.)
- 23-Exile
- 24-Also
- 26-To be pendent, as a dog's ears
- 27-Ever (poet)
- 30-Underlet
- 31-Seaside resort, S. E. France
- 32-Rich hanging for a church
- 33-Arranges, as hangings
- 34-Diminished
- 35-Of greater height
- 37-Above
- 39-Assistant
- 40-Small depression
- 42-The Irish Gaelic
- 43-Choice

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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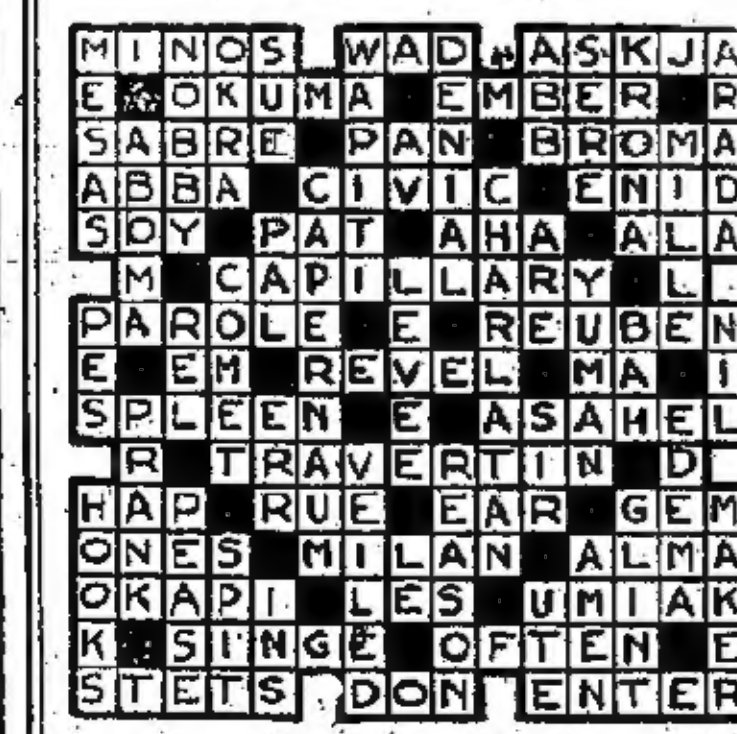
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MUSICAL EVENING WAGNER AND BACH

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT AT THE
HELENA MAY

FINAL OF SEASON

There was a large audience at the final concert of the season in the Helena May Institute last evening and the programme, arranged by Mrs. Wyatt, was much appreciated.

Mrs. Cashman may be said to have surpassed herself in her rendering of Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata which gave great scope to her interpretation and technique, as did the Violin Concerto in A Minor by Vivaldi which was performed very ably by Mrs. Aubrey with Mrs. Cashman at the piano. Miss Acheson and Captain Macnair delighted the audience in a Double Concerto by Bach and Madame Bonenfant's pianoforte accompaniment was excellent. The second and third movements of the Concerto were particularly enjoyable as Miss Acheson was then at her best and played with a firmer touch than in the first movement.

The "Negro Spirituals," sung by Mrs. Sanger gave a touch of novelty to the programme and called for an encore in which, perhaps, the singer's voice was heard to better advantage than in the two first songs, Miss Braga, at the piano, accompanying nicely.

Mr. Li Chor-chi's pleasingly mellow tenor voice was delightful in two Italian songs—Lolita by Busi Peccia and Il Pescatore Cantata by Tosti. He was accompanied by Professor Gauldi.

The programme was as follows:

1. Double Concerto for 2 Violins and Orchestra.
(Arranged for Piano: J. S. Bach.)
Violins: Capt. Macnair and Miss Acheson.
Piano: Madame Bonenfant.
2. Songs—Negro Spirituals.
(a) To-morrow you die
(b) Go tell it on the Mountains
Harvey Gaul
Mrs. Sanger.
3. Violin Concerto in Minor Vivaldi
Violin: Mrs. Aubrey.
Piano: Mrs. Cashman.
4. Songs (Italian)—
Carol of Spring Gehld
Il Pescatore Cantata Tosti
Mr. Li Chor Chi.
5. Piano—
Waldstein Sonata Beethoven
Introduction Adagio Molto
(leading to the)
Rondo Allegretto Moderato
Mrs. Cashman.
Accompanists: Miss Braga and Professor Gauldi.

AN OPERATIC SOPRANO

Dusolina Giannini, the operatic soprano, who made a meteoric ascent in 1923, when she took the place of a famous artist at very short notice, will be a great attraction in Australia this year. Miss Giannini has a voice of remarkable beauty, and she is a singer equally at ease in dramatic or lyric scenes, Handel's arias, or ancient and modern songs of all nations. As Aida, Santuzza, Butterfly, Tosca, and in other roles, Giannini has appeared in most of the Continental opera houses, in America, and at Covent Garden, London, with success, and she combines with her vocal gift an intense dramatic instinct. She is decidedly of the Latin type, and was born in Philadelphia, of Italian parents.

MUSICAL TREASURES

Two musical treasures were found recently. One was an unknown oratorio of Mozart's which had been hidden away, and which was accidentally discovered by Maestro Felice Boghen, at Florence, Italy. Extensive preparations are being made for the first performance, which is to take place shortly. The other find is the manuscript of a Requiem Mass that was composed by Haydn, but has never seen the light so far. The Mass was among some old books and papers in an unused library at Tübingen Castle, Wurtemberg, Germany. This work was performed lately at Düsseldorf, under the conductorship of Hans Weisbach.



Betty Bronson, cinema artist.

MASTER-PIECES ON THE PIANO

Wagner has said that to understand Bach you must have heard Liszt play his masterpieces upon the pianoforte. Wagner would surely modify that statement.



Norma Shearer and Ralph Forbes in the latest from Paris, at Star Theatre, March 24 and 25.

(writes a critic) if he were able to listen to, say, the "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor," as played by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, under Leopold Stokowski's baton. Henri Verbrugghen also has delighted American audiences with performances of his orchestration of Bach's "Prelude and



Sue Carol and David Rollins in "The Air Circus" Fox Picture,—at Queen's March 24 and 25.

Fugue in E Flat" and no doubt we will have more of this glorious innovation.

Ah, yes; all sections of the orchestra so deliver their allotted melodies and harmonies in a manner that interlaces, not only with fine technical clarity, but with expressive meaning. Song and counter-song, and all the embroideries, so beautifully wrought by Bach, sing to the listener perfectly—and especially when under the personal spell of a Stokowski. There is no doubt that this development will effect, to a very great extent, an understanding and appreciation of Johann Sebastian Bach.

MUSICAL TORONTO

Toronto is said to be the most active musically of all the Canadian cities. It has a very flourishing conservatorium of music, attached to the University, with branches for young people in various parts of the town, and in outlying centres. Its head is Dr. Ernest MacMillan, a brilliant Canadian musician, who had the unique experience of obtaining his doctorate by correspondence when a civilian war-prisoner, at Ruhleben, outside of Berlin. He again is an organist, and perhaps the most gifted musician in the country, Choral, orchestral, chamber concerts and operatic performances are given, of which report speaks highly.

A RUSSIAN PIANIST

Spivakowsky and his wife have established their residence in Berlin, from which city the Russian pianist has set out on various concert tours lately. Two years ago he appeared at a Philharmonic concert in Vienna, directed by Richard Strauss, at which the composer's "Burleske" for piano and orchestra was one of the features of the programme. The pianist was awarded high praise in the Viennese papers for his share in this performance, and particularly for the colour which he imparted to the piano part. He has since played with great success in Rome, Milan, Venice, and other centres of Italy.

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"MISS ENGLAND" SPRINGS A LEAK

COLLIDES WITH LOG
PUTS UP GAME FIGHT IN FIRST THREE LAPS

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDED

Miami, Yesterday.
In the second and final heat Commodore Garwood's "Miss America" beat Major Segrave's "Miss England" by a lap and three-quarters.

Carwood's time over the 12-mile course was 11 mins. 45.05 secs., and Segrave's 16 mins. 50.41 secs.

Segrave claimed the championship on the ground that he scored 400 points when "Miss America" broke down yesterday and 361 points today compared with Garwood's 400 to-day.

Damaged in Collision

Miami, later.

After putting up a game fight in the first three laps "Miss England" was damaged in a collision with a floating log. She sprang a leak and was forced to slow down almost to a snail's pace to prevent the bottom being ripped out.

Automatic bailers prevented her from sinking.

World's Champion

Major Segrave has been officially recognised as the world's motor boat champion.—Reuter's American Service.

"DIRTY" DEPTFORD

PINKS OR GERANIUMS TO MAKE IT BRIGHTER

Deptford Borough Council recently decided to take steps to beautify and improve the borough. Deptford, which has been called "Dirty Deptford," is one of the most populous boroughs south of the Thames. The Council has a Labour majority, and in making this decision is following the lead of Bermondsey.

Councillor W. H. Green, initiator of the scheme, said that he was not satisfied to see St. Paul's Churchyard, Deptford, the dumping ground for empty beer tins. "He was looking forward to the time when the Town Hall would be garlanded with scarlet geraniums."

Mrs. White, a Conservative member, said that if the Town Hall was decorated with scarlet geraniums she would insist either that lobelia be put amongst them to show that there was at least a sprinkling of her party in the Council, or that they should strike a happy medium with pinks.

The Borough Beautification and Social Amenities Committee was formed, and will undertake the care of existing open spaces and the acquisition of new open spaces and play-grounds; the planting of trees and shrubs in the streets; the improvement of waste space by the planting of trees, shrubs, and flowers and other responsibilities.

ORIENT POLITICS

AMERICAN VIEWS OF CHINA

FAITH IN ITS FUTURE

On a honeymoon trip around the world, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward Smith, of New York and Santa Fe, New Mexico, are in this Colony, being guests at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Mr. Smith is a well-known figure in American political circles and was Secretary to the Hon. Nathan L. Miller, when the latter was Governor of the State of New York, being the last Republican Governor of the Empire State to hold office.

Mr. Smith is credited with being the first to organise a Hoover-for-President Club in Greater New York. This was in 1920 and was followed by the organisation of similar Clubs throughout the United States, the majority of which were personally organised by Mr. Smith.

All for Hoover

In 1927, in an interview, appearing in two leading New York newspapers—the "New York Times" and the "New York Herald-Tribune"—

FOG COMING

This morning's weather report, issued by the Royal Observatory stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened further and is now central between the Loochoos and the Bonins.

Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Forecast:—Light N. E. or variable winds; fog at first; fog later.

China's Crisis

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been spending several months in China and have visited Mukden, Tientsin, Peking, Hankow, Pukow, Nanking, Shanghai, Macao and Canton. They have devoted much of their time to the study of Chinese art, as well as the political and economical situation. They are deeply impressed with their visit in the Orient, and are great believers in China's future.

Mr. Smith found the consensus of opinion, amongst those who know, (Continued at foot of next Column.)

BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION

DATE ANNOUNCED

DISSOLUTION ON MAY 10:

NOMINATION DAY MAY 20

POLLINGS ON MAY 30

London, Yesterday.

The Home Secretary (Sir Wm. Joynson Hicks) in the House of Commons confirmed that the General Election would take place on May 30.

This means that the dissolution will take place on May 10 and that the nomination day will be on May 20.—Reuter.

MARSHAL FOCH

(Continued from Page 1.)

Moving tributes to Marshal Foch were paid last night by several British statesmen. The Prime Minister, in a speech at the Foreign Press Association, dinner, referred to Foch as one of the great soldiers of all time. "I think he will be remembered as long as he is remembered as a soldier, as a great Christian, a great gentleman, and a great man."

At the same function Sir Austen Chamberlain said "It is only a few days ago that I was deeply touched by hearing a tribute paid to our own great Field-Marshal Haig by a great German soldier. I cannot help feeling that in years to come the memory of great soldiers, on whatever side they fought, will be a memory which links us in our common admiration for a noble man, and no longer a cause for severance."

A Man of Vision

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Boston, said "He was a man of vision, of imagination, of courage, and above all he had that quality that appertains to all true greatness—he had simplicity. His labours are over, but the triumph he won for the liberties of mankind remains."

Many other tributes have been uttered by Englishmen. Lord Beatty declared that the loss was irreparable, whilst Lord Allenby said Marshal Foch's astute brain and nerve carried the Allies to victory.

His Majesty the King has sent the following telegram to the French President: "With heartfelt sorrow I offer to you, Monsieur le President of the French nation, my deep sympathy in the death of Marshal Foch. France mourns her greatest soldier, my country the loss of one whose name is honoured on the roll of British Field-Marshal. For all time he will be remembered as a distinguished chief who led the allied armies to victory, while his memory will be cherished by all ranks of the Empire's forces who served in the World War.—British Wireless Service."

It was understood that Sir Eric Geddes was expected to arrive in Malacca last week and would remain for about a fortnight.

to be that the Nationalist Party will fall unless it can effectively check the present uprisings on the Yangtze River. Mr. Smith's opinion is, that if the trouble makers can be defeated before June, the present Government Party will survive.

No Philippines Independence

While in Manila, Mr. and Mrs. Smith made an extensive visit throughout the Island. After listening to the pros and cons of the Philippine Independence movement, Mr. Smith reached the conclusion that the worst thing that can happen to the natives would be to have their independence granted, for Mr. Smith firmly believes that independence would spell nothing but a chaotic break down of the Philippine civilization.

Mr. Smith suggested that the simple solution of the Philippine problem is a treaty between the United States, Great Britain and Japan, providing for an international protectorate of the Islands, guaranteeing them against any aggression on the part of any power.

Mr. Smith has been informed by many Army and Navy officials that Manila and the Islands cannot be defended successfully by the United States forces against an aggressive first class power for more than a fortnight.

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